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Leave Microsoft and our free enterprise system alone!

Let the consumers decide in the marketplace which companies are the winners and which ones are the losers. I resent your interference in thinking you know better than us who have been in the information technology business for years.

We are talking about a \$99 operating system that nobody is forced to buy if they don't want it (the IRS takes much more than that away from me by the use of force and coercion and I don't get anything back in return). Consumers can always use the free operating system called Linux along with its free web browser. Any new features Microsoft puts into their operating system is purely for their own survival. Live and let live!

I thank Microsoft for driving down prices so that the common person can understand and afford technology. If you punish them, then you are no better than a communist dictatorship which desires to own and control all business! The shame of it all is that Microsoft's competitors refused to offer better products at lower prices and instead resorted to government coercion and force. What a sad day for American liberty!

If you are truly looking out for the consumers as you say you are then leave Microsoft alone! Answer this question - how many complaints have you heard from the consumers themselves (the very persons you claim to be protecting)?